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Sir:

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1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of **\$930.00** to cover:  
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3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) Form (PTO/SB/22);
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
5. Five (5) sheets of Replacement Drawings;
6. Five (5) sheets of Annotated Drawings;
7. Copy of Information Disclosure Statement Filed on January 9, 2006;
8. Copy of European Search Report Filed on January 9, 2006;
9. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;

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10. Form PTO/SB/08A (one (1) sheet) listing six (6) documents (US1-US5 and FP1);
11. Form PTO/SB/08B (one (1) sheet) listing three (3) documents (NPL1-NPL3); and
12. Copies of cited documents (FP1 and NPL1-NPL3).

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